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To Whom This May Concern:

Please do NOT repeal the set of statutes that prohibit media companies from owning both a newspaper and TV station in the same geographic area.

There is no compelling reason to do this, and any repeal of the law only serves to disassociate the media property from it's community.

It's bad enough that broadcasters do not have to turn over part of their programming time to public service spots. It would be a tremendous disservice to democracy if the FCC also gave more heed to media corporations than to the public.

Remember. You serve the public. Not corporations.